

CLAIMS:

1. A method to retrieve information, comprising:

receiving a first request for information over a first connection;

5 retrieving said information over a second connection;

detecting that said first connection is terminated;

receiving a second request for said information over a third connection;

determining whether said second request matches said first request; and

sending said information over said third connection in accordance with said

10 determination.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein said first request comprises a first source address and a first information address, further comprising storing said information with said first source address and said first information address in an information table prior to

15 receiving said second request.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein said second request comprises a second source address and a second information address, and said determining comprises:

searching said information table to determine whether said second source address

20 matches said first source address; and

determining whether said first information address matches said second information address.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein said source addresses comprise Internet addresses, and said information addresses comprise uniform resource locators.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein said information comprises a hypertext markup language (HTML) file.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein said information comprises an extensible markup language (XML) file.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
receiving a request to terminate said third connection; and  
terminating said second and third connections.

8. A method to retrieve information in a network, comprising:  
receiving a first request for information by a first network node at a second network node over a first connection;  
sending said first request over a second connection to a third network node;  
receiving a notice that said first connection is terminated;  
receiving said information over said second connection at said second network node;  
receiving a second request for said information over a third connection at said second network node; and  
sending said information over said third connection to said first network node.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein said first request comprises a first source address and a first information address, further comprising storing said information with said first source address and said first information address in an information table at said second  
5 network node prior to receiving said second request.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein said second request comprises a second source address and a second information address, and said sending comprises:

searching said information table to determine whether said second source address

10 matches said first source address;

determining whether said first information address matches said second  
information address; and

sending said information in accordance with said determination.

11. The method of claim 9, wherein said source addresses comprise Internet  
15 addresses, and said information addresses comprise uniform resource locators.

12. The method of claim 8, wherein said information comprises a hypertext markup  
language (HTML) file.

13. The method of claim 8, wherein said information comprises an extensible markup  
language (XML) file.

14. The method of claim 8, further comprising:  
receiving a request to terminate said third connection; and  
terminating said second and third connections.

5 15. An article comprising:  
a storage medium;  
said storage medium including stored instructions that, when executed by a  
processor, result in receiving a first request for information over a first connection,  
retrieving said information over a second connection, detecting that said first connection  
10 is terminated, receiving a second request for said information over a third connection,  
determining whether said second request matches said first request, and sending said  
information over said third connection in accordance with said determination.

16. The article of claim 15, wherein said first request comprises a first source address  
15 and a first information address, and the stored instructions, when executed by a processor,  
further result in storing said information with said first source address and said first  
information address in an information table prior to receiving said second request.

17. The article of claim 16, wherein said second request comprises a second source  
20 address and a second information address, and the stored instructions, when executed by  
a processor, further result in determining whether said second request matches said first  
request by searching said information table to determine whether said second source

address matches said first source address, and determining whether said first information  
address matches said second information address.

18. The article of claim 15, wherein the stored instructions, when executed by a  
5 processor, further result receiving a request to terminate said third connection, and  
terminating said second and third connections.